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**TODAY'S WEATHER.**

Western Oregon—Cloudy, with occasional showers in northern portion; cooler in southern portion.  
Eastern Oregon and Idaho—Cloudy, with possible showers.  
Washington—Showers; warmer in southwestern portion.

**THE DALLES RATE WAR.**

The people of The Dalles are now contending with a condition of affairs that once caused much discussion in Astoria. The competing steamer lines have engaged in a rate war between The Dalles and Portland, and rates have been reduced to such an extent that the people of The Dalles find it convenient to go to Portland to do their shopping. The merchants of The Dalles are complaining bitterly, and efforts are being made to end the rate war.

It might, with some reason, be contended that the merchants of The Dalles should reduce prices so as to meet the competition of the Portland merchants, and that people ought to trade where they can get the best prices and make selections from the largest stocks. But it is not the province of Steamboat lines to force merchants of smaller towns into competition with those of the larger cities, and the complaint which comes from The Dalles is to be expected. While the transportation companies may claim that charges for carrying passengers is a matter over which they have exclusive control, yet it is well to remember that rate-cutting prices unsettle business and effects a class of men that help to make up their patronage. Rate cutting cannot last always and whichever may be victorious it will find new enemies in the person of the merchants into whose trade it has cut while fighting a rival transportation company.

An experiment is to be tried in Cleveland, Ohio, during the coming fall elections that will be watched with interest throughout the state as well as by many others outside who are interested in the device. The Ohio legislature several years ago gave Ohio municipalities authority to buy voting machines, and this authority was taken advantage of by the city of Cleveland recently, when 205 voting machines were purchased at a cost of \$66,825. These machines are to be used, one at each polling place in the city, on the Tuesday following the first Monday of next November. The friends of the voting machine system claim that by use of the machine absolute secrecy is secured and the work of the judges of election will be greatly simplified.

An interesting comparison of the salaries of the various rulers of Europe is made by a German statistician as follows: "Assuming that they work six hours a day, the emperor of Russia receives \$80 a minute, the emperor of Austria \$35, the king of Italy \$21, the emperor of Germany \$17, the king of England \$15, the king of Spain \$15, the king of Belgium and the king of Denmark between \$3 and \$4 and the king of Serbia between \$1 and \$2. President Loubet of France receives about 5 cents a minute more than the king of Serbia."

**ALWAYS TIRED NEVER RESTED**

To be tired out from hard work or bodily exercise is natural and rest is the remedy, but there is an exhaustion without physical exertion and a tired, never-rested feeling—a weariness without work that is unnatural and shows some serious disorder is threatening the health. One of the chief causes of that "Always-tired, never-rested condition" is impure blood and bad circulation. Unless the body is nourished with rich, pure blood there is lack of nervous force, the muscles become weak, the digestion impaired, and general disorder occurs throughout the system. Debility, insomnia, nervousness, indigestion, dyspepsia, loss of appetite, strength and energy, and the hundreds of little ailments we often have are due directly to a bad condition of the blood and circulation, and the quickest way to get rid of them is by purifying and building up the blood, and for this purpose no remedy equals S. S. S., which contains the best ingredients for cleansing the blood and toning up the system. It is a vegetable blood purifier and tonic combined, that enriches the blood, and through it the entire system is nourished and refreshing sleep comes to the tired, never-rested, body.

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**TRIED TO LYNCH THE NEGRO****Chicago Mob Attempts to Hang a Murderer**

Chicago, Sept. 9.—Under a fire of bricks and stones, policemen last night rescued a negro murderer from a mob of would-be lynchers.

Ten minutes before, John Brinkley, a colored watchman, had shot and killed Charles McCarthy, a plasterer, almost in the presence of the latter's wife, who stood in the doorway holding her baby. The negro, backing into the doorway of his own quarters, held a crowd of 200 men and boys at bay until Patrolman Robert Mooney walked up to him and unarmed him.

Then came the second and exciting attempt of the mob to wreck vengeance on the murderer. Mooney opened the door and took his prisoner into the office of the tile factory in which Brinkley was employed to await the patrol wagon. But as he did so the crowd surged forward once more with cries of "lynch him." The policeman tried in vain to close the door on the crowd and keep it closed. Finally the patrol wagon arrived with three policemen, who, together with Mooney, fought their way through the mob while bricks and stones rained on them from every side.

At the police station Brinkley fainted from terror, and when he revived begged to be put in a cell in which no mob could get at him.

The killing grew out of a quarrel in which McCarthy had accused Brinkley of stealing chickens from his premises.

**NEW YORK WINS THE TROPHY****Handily Captured Prize Offered By National Congress.**

Seagirt, N. J., Sept. 9.—The name of the first winner to be engraved on the already famous national trophy provided by the congress of the United States will be that of New York. The New York state team of 12 men captured the trophy handily, finishing with a lead of 86 points over its nearest competitor.

New York's total was 2,988, out of a possible 3,600. In addition to the national trophy, valued at \$1,000, which will be held by the winning team only one year, the New York team won a cash prize of \$500. New Jersey was second, Massachusetts third, the District of Columbia fourth, Ohio fifth, and the United States marine corps sixth.

**LIEUTENANT POTTS GOES EAST.**

San Francisco, Sept. 9.—Lieutenant Colonel R. D. Potts has been relieved as Inspector-General, department of California, and goes to Charleston, S. C., to take command of the artillery district at Charleston. Upon his return from the Philippines he was promoted to a lieutenant-colonelcy, which took him out of the inspector-general's department. Major Ira McNutt, ordnance department, has arrived from Governor's Island, N. Y., and reported for duty as ordnance officer for the department of California. He will take command of the Benicia arsenal.

**COLONEL BOOTH'S SENTENCE.**

Vancouver, Wn., Sept. 9.—The findings in the court martial proceedings against Lieutenant-Colonel C. A. Booth, of the quartermaster's department, U. S. A., were made public today by Brigadier-General Funston, commanding the department of the Columbia.

bia, who reviewed the case. Colonel Booth was in charge of the quartermaster's stores at Fort Davis, Alaska, and was tried by general court-martial on charges of irregularities in his department.

The court held Booth guilty of mismanagement and negligence and sentenced him to remain at the foot of the list of lieutenant-colonels during the rest of his active service, 11 years. General Funston, in reviewing the sentence, reduced the time to five years.

**EAGLES IN NEW YORK.**

President Wilson is in receipt of news paper clippings from W. C. Laws detailing the grand jury meeting of the Eagles in New York. According to the New York papers it was a notable meeting and the representatives of 471 series perched high in the nation's metropolis.

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